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| <i>Treasurer,</i> | . | . | . | . | S. R. Roberts. |
| <i>Librarian,</i> | . | . | . | . | Edward J. Nolan. |
| <i>Conservator,</i> | . | . | . | . | Henry A. Pilsbry. |

Since the last annual meeting of the Section specimens have been received from forty-three persons, numbering in all 851 trays and 6,636 specimens. This brings the aggregate number of trays in the museum to 52,787. The more valuable series received are those collected by Prof. Heilprin at the Bermuda Islands, the Lower Californian shells purchased by the Conchological Section from Henry Hemphill, and a series of shells from Tonquin, China, and the East Indies obtained of the Abbé Vathelet. Valuable additions to the fauna of our eastern coast have been received from Messrs. Uselma C. Smith and John Ford. We have also received from various correspondents of the Conservator, several hundred species of United States and Mexican land and fresh-water shells, including a number of new species, part of which have been already published in the Proceedings of the Academy.

During the year the arrangement of the families Neritidæ and Turbinidæ, in progress at the time of the last report, has been completed, and that of the Trochidæ, Stomatellidæ and Scissurellidæ will be completed by the end of the present month. Of the Helices, the groups monographed in the Manual during the year have been arranged, and work begun on the groups of European Helices, heretofore in a chaotic condition. The conservator having secured the assistance of Mr. Baker during a part of each day, can now complete the arrangement of all unarranged groups as far as the Manual has progressed as soon as additional cases can be secured. Museum work on the land shells has at present temporarily ceased from lack of room.

H. A. PILSBRY,
Conservator.

EDWARD J. NOLAN,
Recorder.

REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.

The Entomological Section, during the past year, has been much benefited by an evident increase of interest at its meetings. These have been held regularly each month, excepting during the July and August vacation. There has been a large attendance of members and associates. One member and one associate member have been elected since the last report.

The collection in the care of the Section has been carefully examined by the Curator of the American Entomological Society, and its condition is now much better than heretofore.

The entomological collection of the late Titian R. Peale, Esq., which was presented to the Academy, has been transferred to the care of the Section. After selecting therefrom much that was spoiled for want of care, the remainder has been reset and labeled as the "T. R. Peale Collection," in accordance with the expressed wish of the heirs.

In compliance with the request of the Academy, the Entomological Section has selected the meeting of the second Tuesday of each alternate month at which to bring before the Academy matters pertaining to entomology.

The meetings of the Section have been much enhanced in interest by the reports of collections and observations by its members, some of whom have still further detailed the same in published articles.

The Section desiring to make its influence more generally felt by the students of Entomology, has determined to issue a publication to be known as "The Entomological News and Proceedings of the Entomological Section of the Academy Natural Sciences of Philadelphia." It will be issued monthly in parts of not less than 16 pages, and will contain, together with the proceedings, articles from contributors and a general resumé of entomological matter. Mr. E. M. Aaron has been appointed editor, with a supervisory committee to assist in the details of the work.

At the meeting in December the following officers were elected :—

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| <i>Director,</i> | . | . | . | . | Geo. H. Horn, M. D. |
| <i>Vice Director,</i> | . | . | . | . | H. C. McCook, D. D. |
| <i>Treasurer,</i> | . | . | . | . | E. T. Cresson. |
| <i>Recorder,</i> | . | . | . | . | E. M. Aaron. |
| <i>Publication Com.</i> | . | . | . | . | { J. H. Ridings. Philip Laurent. |

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. RIDINGS,
Recorder.

REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

The Vice-Director of the Botanical Section respectfully reports that the stated meetings have been held regularly during the year,